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So There!

Ban on 'Pan' Goes Double

Regular ordinances which outlaw panquingue and other forms of gambling were adopted on their first readings last night by the City Council. The ordinances, when they become effective, will replace emergency measures adopted Sept. 8.

In addition to the ordinance which bans the pan games, the council also adopted two ordinances which require licenses and conditional use permits to open a card club in the city. Both will replace similar emergency measures.

The two ordinances placing controls on card clubs were

adopted as an insurance policy for the city. Some councilmen fear that the ban on panquingue and other card games may not withstand a court test because the state has pre-empted the field of gambling legislation.

In other action, the council:

- Adopted an ordinance limiting the drilling of water wells in the city. Such wells may be drilled only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Approved an agreement with the county for mutual assistance in controlling fires when requested.
- Officially designated the triangular park around the Kennedy Memorial as John F. Kennedy Memorial Square.
- Adopted an ordinance providing that requests for oversized signs shall be processed and decided by the Planning Commission rather than the council.

'Y' Sets Theater Benefit

Rolling Hills Theatre will be scene of a special theater-benefits party for the Torrance YMCA Sunday, Nov. 22, at 12:30 p.m.

"When Comedy Was King," a motion picture featuring Oliver Hardy, Stan Laurel, Charlie Chaplin, Ben Turpin, Buster Keaton, Harry Langdon and other comedy stars of by-gone eras, will be shown. Following a short intermission ceremony honoring the memory of the late President John F. Kennedy, "PT 109" will be shown. The movie depicts the wartime career of the late President.

All seats are \$1.25 for the afternoon, with all proceeds going to the Torrance Family YMCA. Tickets may be obtained at the "Y" by calling FA 8-1272.

An annual free pass will be awarded and 20 other individual winners will receive one-time passes. Several other gifts will be given away during the afternoon.

Rolling Hills Theatre is located at 2535 Pacific Coast Hwy., in the Rolling Hills Plaza shopping center.

Realtors To Install President

New officers of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors will be installed at dinner ceremonies Saturday night at the Pen and Quill Restaurant, Manhattan Beach. It was announced today by Realtor Bob Haggard, program chairman for the event.

To be installed as president of the board will be Albert Z. England, succeeding Dell Wright in the top leadership position.

To be installed as vice presidents will be Jack Waters, George Hanback, and Charles Pecora. They will replace Geneva Meara, Don Shaw, and England.

Mary F. Toombs will be installed as secretary, succeeding R. D. (Bill) McEwen, and McEwen will be installed as treasurer, succeeding Carl Bostwick.

Master of ceremonies will be J. Walker Owens, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Del Vaughn, outgoing vice president of the 21st District of the California Real Estate Association, will retire outgoing officers, and Robert Allen, incoming president of 21st District CREA, will install new officers.



FLORENCE MERZLAK Exchange Teacher

Instructor Takes Year In Austria

Respect for foreign educational systems and clarification of the excellent qualities of the American educational program, are some of the benefits of exchange teaching, according to Mrs. Florence Merzlak, El Camino College foreign language instructor.

Mrs. Merzlak has resumed her career here following a year of teaching in Austria. (Continued on D-4)

Football and Dancing

Three Schools Welcome Alumni for Homecoming

Alumni of three Torrance high schools will have the spotlight turned on them Friday and Saturday as the schools celebrate their annual homecomings.

The schools, Torrance and South High and Bishop Montgomery High, will welcome alumni for a football game and an evening of dancing.

The city's oldest high school will begin things at 8 p.m. as Torrance High meets El Segundo on the football field. Special half-time ceremonies featuring the coronation of Queen Nanci Barnard have been planned.

Queen Nanci will be assisted in her regal duties by Princesses Sandy Enoch, Pam Fleming, Janet Kimbrell and Dana Wolinsky.

A RECEPTION dance for

Manager Assures Council Urban Renewal Ban on Housing

Urban renewal projects involving property at the west end of Torrance Municipal Airport will not be adversely affected by the threatened halt to urban renewal contracts in California, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro said last night.

Ferraro said the order by Federal Housing Director Robert Weaver to halt all urban renewal contracts in the state would not affect the Torrance project because no housing is involved.

Weaver halted the contracts following passage of Proposition 14 by California voters last week.

PLANS submitted for evaluation by the Housing and Home Finance Agency call for the removal of housing to provide for an industrial complex, Ferraro noted. Since Weaver's order applies only to projects where housing is involved, the Torrance plan will not be affected.

Following Ferraro's announcement, the City Council approved the hiring of Lawrence Erwin as a consultant on the redevelopment project. Erwin will help the city get some of the detail work out of the way while the application for funds is being processed by the federal government.

Until the application is approved, Erwin's salary of \$1,208 per month will be paid by the city. Following approval, expected to take two to three months, the salary will be paid from federal funds.



EXPANSION MOVE . . . Press-Herald executives and city and civic leaders joined hands Tuesday to break ground for a major expansion program in the Press-Herald facilities at 3238 Sepulveda Blvd. Here from left are J. Walker Owen, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Reid L. Bundy, managing editor of the Press-Herald; Mayor Albert Isen; Press-Herald Publisher Glenn W. Pfeil; Councilman George Vico; Chamber President Arthur L. Reeves; and Ray Butters, Press-Herald production manager. Pfeil said the facilities would house all of the Press-Herald operations when completed late this year.

How About This?

Lomita's City Council Doesn't Levy City Tax

Lomita councilmen adopted their first city budget Monday evening and thus kept their first promise to the voters of the community who approved incorporation last June.

The council approved a budget which calls for expenditures of \$343,251 with a gleeful smile. The reason for the smile amounted to \$166,685 — the surplus which City Administrator Stanley D. Greene has estimated.

Greene's budget provides for employe salaries, necessary supplies, capital outlay, and capital improvements for the period ending June 1, 1965. Of the surplus contained in the budget, \$86,86

is in the general fund and another \$79,772 is in the street fund.

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The park site is located adjacent to the Hickory Elementary School and will be developed as a neighborhood park similar to other city parks.

A portion of the park site will be purchased from Torrance Knolls, Inc., and the remainder will be sold by Don Wilson Builders, Inc. Both subdividers have developed the large Marble Tract for single family homes.

In a related recreation matter, the council accepted new lights which have been installed at the Torrance Park baseball diamond. Installation of the new lights was completed by Electric and Machinery Service, Inc., at a cost of \$11,362.

The new lights will significantly increase the brightness of the baseball diamond.

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Student Reports Due Soon

Report cards will be issued at Torrance schools during the next few days, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, has announced.

The reporting period for elementary schools ends Friday, while the high school quarter ends Friday, Nov. 20.

Conferences between parents and teachers will be scheduled in the elementary schools beginning Monday. High school report cards will be mailed the week following the end of the quarter.

\$400,000 Bond Sale Approved

Capital improvements totaling \$450,000 for the Torrance Municipal Airport during 1964-65 were approved last night by the City Council. At the same time, the council approved the sale of \$400,000 in airport bonds to meet commitments to the federal government for other airport projects.

The bond sale will provide city funds to match federal monies which will be used in the acquisition of land for the transition zone around the airport. The Federal Aviation Agency has allocated \$205,744 for the project.

The city's share amounts to more than \$175,000, according to Airport Manager Jack Egan. In addition to land acquisition, the FAA matching-funds project includes the relocation of threshold lights, additions to the parking apron, and the addition of holding aprons adjacent to both runways.

The capital improvements,

which are financed solely by the city, involve storm drains, service roads, and T-hangar taxiways.

Both projects, Egan notes, are designed to improve the general operation of the airport and to provide additional facilities or upgrade existing facilities.

Specifications for all projects will be drawn by the city's Engineering Department and advertised for bids. The City Council expects to award contracts for much of the work in April or May, 1965.

Lions Plan Financial Discussion

"What Wealthy People Know About Money" will be the subject of Walter Addison Watson when he speaks to members of the Torrance Downtown Lions Club Tuesday at the Palms Restaurant. Watson, financial counselor and investment adviser, is sponsored as a community service by the California Federal Savings and Loan Association.

"The ideal personal financial program is one which is professionally organized specifically for the individual," said Watson. "Consideration is given to variable factors, such as differences in capital, income, age, family status, temperament, objective in life, business cycle, and so forth," he continued.

A booklet on estate planning and money management, as well as a personalized financial fact finder, will be distributed at the meeting.

Sister City Committee Will Meet

Members of the Torrance Sister City Committee will meet tomorrow evening at the Recreation Center at 7:30.

Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., chairman of the committee, said the meeting will be devoted to the selection of a second sister city for Torrance.

Mayor Albert Isen, recently returned from the Inter-American Municipal Congress, will report to the committee on the progress of his discussions.

All members are urged to attend so that a full discussion of the several suggested cities may be held.

Torrance Pilot Dies

Death of a Torrance pilot in a Mexican air crash was reported here yesterday. Cecil LeRoy John, 41, who lived at 21151 S. LaSalle Ave., a pilot for Steward-Davis, Inc., of Long Beach, was killed with his flying partner, Jim Springer of Hayward when their modified C-82 Jet Packet struck a peak near Veracruz. The local pilot left a wife, Virginia; a son, Lester, a Narbonne 10th grader; and his mother, Mrs. Violet Stout.

Bicycle, Pickup Collide

Sixteen-year-old William Fred Haemker, 22032 1/2 S. Meyler, was taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment of a bruised left arm and hand Tuesday evening after the bicycle he was riding and a pickup truck driven by J. B. Breshears, 2308 Cabrillo Ave., collided at Abalone and Carson Street.

School Gyms Ransacked

Weekend vandals climbed through a rooflight to gain entrance to the Boys' Gym and Girls' Gym at Torrance High School and ransacked both facilities, Dr. Carl Ahee, principal of the school, told police Monday. The invaders ransacked desks and open lockers, threw ink over desks and walls, and wrote filthy words throughout each of the two gyms. A battery-powered field telephone set was taken from the Boys' Gym.

Student Day Speaker

Gordon McGinley, vice mayor of San Gabriel, will be the speaker at a banquet honoring students taking part in Junior Citizens Day activities Nov. 24. McGinley, a past president of the Independent Cities of Los Angeles County, is active in affairs of the League of California Cities.